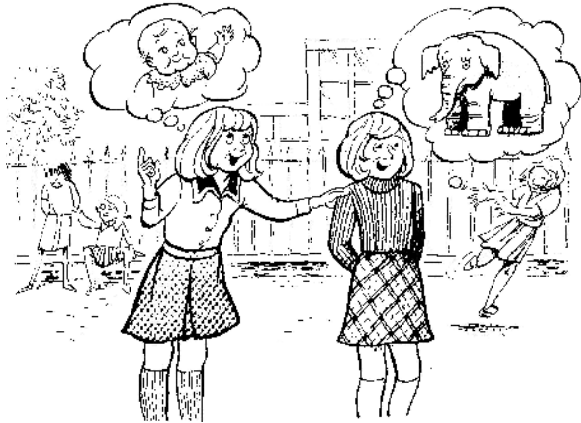


# 総合英語 読解&応答演習 (E)



Carol and Susan were great friends. They were in the same class at school, and they often visited each other's homes at week-ends.

When they were both eight years old, Carol's mother had a baby. Carol was overjoyed to have a little sister and was always talking about her to Susan, who had no brothers or sisters.

At first Susan was very interested in the new baby, but after some time she began to get rather discontented with Carol's continual talking about it. She also felt a little jealous.

One morning when the two girls were in the school playground, Carol said to Susan cheerfully, 'Do you know, Sue, my baby sister gained nearly two hundred grams in weight this week.'

'That's not very much,' answered Susan. 'I know a baby that gains five kilograms a day.'

'Oh, that can't be true!' answered Carol scornfully. 'Whose baby is it?'

'An elephant's,' said Susan.

## A. Answer these questions.

1. How many children did Susan's parents have?
2. Why did Susan get tired of hearing about Carol's sister?
3. What did Carol boast to Susan about one morning?
4. What did Susan do to try to make Carol boast less?

## B. *Opposites.* What words in the story mean the opposite of:

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| 1. lost         | 3. sadly     | 5. very sad |
| 2. respectfully | 4. satisfied |             |

## C. Choose the right sentence beside each picture.

1. a. This is Dick Robinson. He is being married to Helen Thompson.

b. This is Dick Robinson. He is married to Helen Thompson.

2. a. Dick Robinson is being married. That woman is his wife.

b. Dick Robinson is married. That woman is his wife.

3. a. This car is being parked.

b. This car is parked.

4. a. This car is being parked.

b. This car is parked.

5. a. This furniture is being sold.

b. This furniture is sold.

6. a. This furniture is being sold.

b. This furniture is sold.

